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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2915

Introduced by Assembly Member Saldana

February 24, 2006

An act to amend, *repeal, and add* Section 4830 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to veterinary medicine.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2915, as amended, Saldana. Veterinary medicine: licensure.

Existing law, the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of the practice of veterinary medicine.

Existing law provides that the laws regulating the practice of veterinary medicine do not apply to, among others, unlicensed personnel employed by the Department of Food and Agriculture or the United States Department of Agriculture when, in the course of their duties, they are directed by a veterinarian supervisor to conduct an examination, obtain biological specimens, apply biological tests, or administer medications or biological products as part of government disease or condition monitoring, investigation, control, or eradication activities.

This bill would also, *until January 1, 2011*, exempt from the laws regulating the practice of veterinary medicine veterinarians employed by a city, city and county, or county who meet specified criteria and

who are conducting activities, under direct supervision, related to pathology and epidemiology on dead animals as part of specified government programs.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 4830 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:
3 4830. (a) This chapter does not apply to:
4 ~~(a)~~
5 (1) Veterinarians while serving in any armed branch of the
6 military service of the United States or the United States
7 Department of Agriculture while actually engaged and employed
8 in their official capacity.
9 ~~(b)~~
10 (2) Regularly licensed veterinarians in actual consultation
11 from other states.
12 ~~(c)~~
13 (3) Regularly licensed veterinarians actually called from other
14 states to attend cases in this state, but who do not open an office
15 or appoint a place to do business within this state.
16 ~~(d)~~
17 (4) Veterinarians employed by the University of California
18 while engaged in the performance of duties in connection with
19 the College of Agriculture, the Agricultural Experiment Station,
20 the School of Veterinary Medicine or the agricultural extension
21 work of the university or employed by the Western University of
22 Health Sciences while engaged in the performance of duties in
23 connection with the College of Veterinary Medicine or the
24 agricultural extension work of the university.
25 ~~(e)~~
26 (5) Students in the School of Veterinary Medicine of the
27 University of California or the College of Veterinary Medicine of
28 the Western University of Health Sciences who participate in
29 diagnosis and treatment as part of their educational experience,
30 including those in off-campus educational programs under the
31 direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian in good standing, as
32 defined in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 4848,

1 appointed by the University of California, Davis, or the Western
2 University of Health Sciences.

3 ~~(f)~~

4 (6) A veterinarian who is employed by the Meat and Poultry
5 Inspection Branch of the California Department of Food and
6 Agriculture while actually engaged and employed in his or her
7 official capacity. A person exempt under this ~~subdivision~~
8 *paragraph* shall not otherwise engage in the practice of
9 veterinary medicine unless he or she is issued a license by the
10 board.

11 ~~(g)~~

12 (7) Unlicensed personnel employed by the Department of
13 Food and Agriculture or the United States Department of
14 Agriculture when, in the course of their duties, they are directed
15 by a veterinarian supervisor to conduct an examination, obtain
16 biological specimens, apply biological tests, or administer
17 medications or biological products as part of government disease
18 or condition monitoring, investigation, control, or eradication
19 activities.

20 ~~(h)~~

21 (8) Veterinarians employed by a city, city and county, or
22 county who meet all of the following criteria:

23 ~~(1)~~

24 (A) They have earned and possess a doctorate in veterinary
25 medicine from an American Veterinary Medical
26 Association-accredited college of veterinary medicine, or they
27 possess a degree in veterinary medicine from a non-American
28 Veterinary Medical Association-accredited college of veterinary
29 medicine and possess a certificate issued by the Educational
30 Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates or a certificate
31 issued by the Program for Assessment of Veterinary
32 Equivalence, or they have achieved board certification from the
33 American College of Veterinary Pathologists.

34 ~~(2)~~

35 (B) They have successfully completed a residency approved
36 by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists.

37 ~~(3)~~

38 (C) They are conducting activities, under the direct
39 supervision of a California licensed ~~veterinary pathologist~~
40 *veterinarian*, related to pathology and epidemiology on dead

1 animals as part of a government program to monitor a disease or
2 a disease-related condition or to investigate, control, or eradicate
3 a disease.

4 *(b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1,*
5 *2011, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted*
6 *statute that is enacted before January 1, 2011, deletes or extends*
7 *that date.*

8 SEC. 2. Section 4830 is added to the Business and
9 Professions Code, to read:

10 4830. (a) This chapter does not apply to:

11 (1) Veterinarians while serving in any armed branch of the
12 military service of the United States or the United States
13 Department of Agriculture while actually engaged and employed
14 in their official capacity.

15 (2) Regularly licensed veterinarians in actual consultation
16 from other states.

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18 states to attend cases in this state, but who do not open an office
19 or appoint a place to do business within this state.

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22 the College of Agriculture, the Agricultural Experiment Station,
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24 work of the university or employed by the Western University of
25 Health Sciences while engaged in the performance of duties in
26 connection with the College of Veterinary Medicine or the
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29 University of California or the College of Veterinary Medicine of
30 the Western University of Health Sciences who participate in
31 diagnosis and treatment as part of their educational experience,
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38 Inspection Branch of the California Department of Food and
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40 official capacity. A person exempt under this paragraph shall not

1 *otherwise engage in the practice of veterinary medicine unless he*
2 *or she is issued a license by the board.*

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4 *Food and Agriculture or the United States Department of*
5 *Agriculture when in the course of their duties they are directed*
6 *by a veterinarian supervisor to conduct an examination, obtain*
7 *biological specimens, apply biological tests, or administer*
8 *medications or biological products as part of government disease*
9 *or condition monitoring, investigation, control, or eradication*
10 *activities.*

11 *(b) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2011.*